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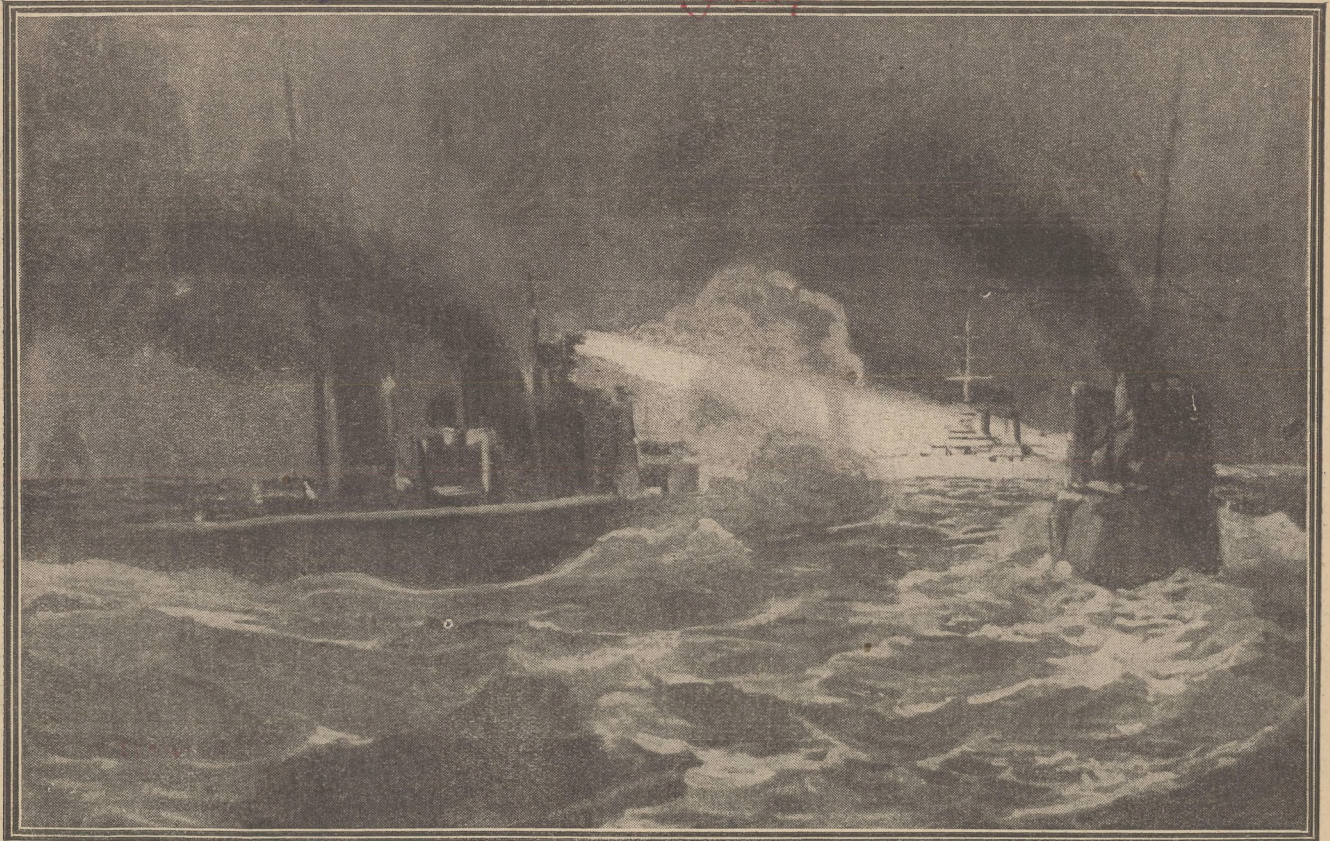
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ANOTHER GERMAN LIE EXPOSED: HOW VON TIRPITZ DIDN'T
SCORE A VICTORY IN THE NORTH SEA.



Drawing described as "The destruction of the new English cruiser Arabis, a successful operation by German torpedo-boats in the North Sea."

RUINS AROUND VERDUN.



Property is being destroyed by the shells, which probably affords the Germans some consolation for their great failure near Verdun.

AMSTERDAM, Friday.

According to a Berlin telegram, the German Admiralty issued the following today:—

Last night during an advance of our torpedo-boats our boats met on the Dogger Bank, some 120 miles east of the British coast, several British cruisers, which at once fled. Our boats pursued them, sank the new cruiser Arabis, and hit a second cruiser with a torpedo.

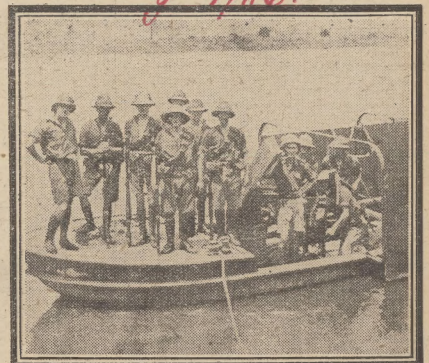
Our torpedo-boats rescued the commander of the Arabis, 2 other officers, and 21 men. Our forces suffered no damage and no losses.—Reuter.

With reference to the above the British Admiralty states that the cruisers mentioned were four mine-sweeping vessels, three of which have returned safely.

German fiction and British fact.

It is by drawings such as those reproduced above that the Germans are made to believe that their navy wins "victories." The Arabis is made to look like a first-class modern cruiser, though she was only a minesweeper. Our Admiralty has exposed the fables, but the enemy still persists with the story.

BRITISH ARMED BARGE.



It was used with great effect against the Huns in the Cameroons. Similar craft are being used in Central Africa on the lakes.

SURPRISE IN STORE FOR MARRIED MEN.

Calling Up of Groups 33 to 41 May Be Postponed.

UNATTESTED TO SERVE?

Although the date for the calling up of the next groups of married men has been provisionally fixed for Friday, it is understood that during this week there may be developments in "an unexpected direction."

The most significant information, which is given with reserve in the absence of official confirmation, is that, pending a definite decision by the Government in regard to a State scheme for the relief of the married men summoned to the colours, it might be decided in the national interests to postpone for a period the calling up of Groups 33 to 41—married men aged twenty-five to thirty-five—a substantial percentage of which is composed of men with many domestic responsibilities.

How the pledge to the married men is to be fulfilled is a point on which a statement is anticipated from the Prime Minister in the House of Commons, but the feeling at the War Office is that if there is to be fair play all round then the position of the unattested married men must be equalised with that of the men who have voluntarily offered their services to the country.

TOWER HILL PROTEST MEETING.

The more exacting attitude of the tribunals towards claims for exemption, coupled with the operation of the Military Service Act, and the assistance of the Board of Trade in reducing the number of reserved occupations, with the additional help of the Ministry of Munitions in weeding out the absolutely necessary from the unnecessary simply for war work, will, it is felt, disarm those who show a disposition to evade their obligations to the Army.

A great meeting of married recruits is to be held this afternoon on Tower Hill, when a resolution will be proposed urging the Government to deal drastically with the men who have not attested.

Only six Derby groups remain to be called up. These are Groups 42 to 46 and Group 24, which is composed of married men not yet nineteen years of age.

Conscientious objectors, it was announced by the War Office during the week-end, are to form a special unit.

FIGHTING WITHOUT WEAPONS.

The official announcement is that of a "new category" of men formed for conscientious objectors, called the "Non-Combatant Corps."

"Men accepted for service who hold a certificate of exemption from combatant service, granted by a tribunal, will be appointed to the Non-Combatant Corps. The badges of the corps will be the letters 'N.C.C.' as a cap badge and shoulder title.

"Companies of the Non-Combatant Corps will be trained in squad drill without arms and in the use of the various forms of tools used in field engineering."

"DECEIVED BY GOVERNMENT."

Three thousand attested married men at Leicester yesterday passed a resolution that they had been grossly deceived by the Government.

The resolution further asked that single men be called up, that married men of military age be conscripted, and that proper financial arrangements be made for the assistance of married men's families.

A similar resolution was passed at Coventry, where over 3,000 men attended, a large proportion being munition workers.

A petition signed by married men is to be submitted to the Army authorities in order to be signed in Coventry during this week.

A unanimous shout of "No!" was given to the question whether any present desired to shrink his responsibility.

IF 1,000,000 HUSBANDS COMBINE.

Four thousand attested married men attended a meeting at Wigan yesterday to protest in the same way.

Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P., wrote agreeing with the object of the meeting, and said that the pledges were not likely to be broken.

Mr. Moss, the chairman of the meeting, said that if a million attested married men would combine, we would be the Government and politicians who would not be the Government, and Lord Derby's obligations fulfilled.

ESCAPED FROM RUHLBEN.

Fourteen different plans for escape were planned in his military confinement at Ruhleben Camp, said Captain Geoffrey Pyke, the war correspondent at his Majesty's Prison yesterday.

All had to be given up because at the critical moment he caught German measles!

At length he got away into the woods, and, after wanderings by night, found himself to his great joy in Holland.

The Dutch frontier sentry said his cottage was in Holland, although the water from the roof dripped into Germany.

COLONEL CHURCHILL OFF TO FRANCE

Colonel Churchill left Dover last night for France.

MAN WHO MADE 15 HUNS SURRENDER.

Corporal's Straw Idea for Relieving Choking Officer—Private Who Looked After Spotted Fever Victims.

Superb deeds of gallantry and glorious instances of selflessness are contained in the 144 pages of a supplement to the *London Gazette* issued last night.

It is entirely devoted to descriptions of the feats of 1,584 men from home, Australia, New Zealand and Canada, who have won the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

The concise official narratives of these deeds are wonderful short stories of British bravery, heroism and resource.

Of one man, Corporal D. Black, 1/5 Battalion West Riding Regiment (T.F.), it is said: "He is always cheerful and ready for any dangerous work, and there are no more similar commendations of other men follows."

SOME OF 1,584 HEROES.

Here is a story of a soldier, an army in himself.

It is told of Corporal H. W. Oakhill, 1st Battalion, 71st Brigade Royal Field Artillery, that on one occasion, single-handed and unarmed, he captured an enemy sniper. Learning that some of the enemy were in a house near, he went to it and ordered them to surrender.

Fifteen at once gave themselves up, and later, with the assistance of some infantry, he captured twenty-five more men in the cellar.

A remarkable instance of "nous" was surely that shown by Lance-Corporal C. Bates, 1st Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

"He went out in front of our line and brought in a wounded officer under heavy fire. The officer was wounded in the throat and was being suffocated, but Corporal Bates forced a straw down his throat, thus enabling him to breathe and suck water from a bottle.

A striking example of utter selflessness was that set by Private F. Bennison, Royal Army Medical Corps. He has received the medal "for gallant conduct and devotion in volunteering for isolation with cerebro-spinal fever patients and nursing them devotedly for many weeks."

14 TIMES IN FLAMING TOWN.

Men of the Army Service Corps figure in the list, and an outstanding deed of a soldier in that corps was that of Private T. R. Clements. He has received the medal "for conspicuous gallantry since the commencement of the war."

"On one occasion he made fourteen journeys with signal stores through a town in flames and under heavy fire. On two occasions his car was struck by a shell and nearly buried in the debris of falling houses."

Gallantry and devotion had been shown on many occasions by Drummer W. Bell, 1/3 Battalion, Surrey, and Sergeant Highlanders (T.F.). This is a particular instance.

"While under heavy shell and rifle fire he attended to a wounded officer, and, after two other men had been struck while walking by the side of the officer's stretcher, he took their

places in order to protect the officer from the fire of the enemy."

Company Sergeant-Major T. G. Allen and Lance-Corporal Swanton, 2nd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment, both win the medal for rescuing no fewer than two wounded officers and ten men under heavy fire.

Here is a story of the "blinding" of Germans: When everyone in a trench on a front of some hundred yards had been killed or wounded, except themselves and an officer and one other man, and the enemy were within 200 yards, always exhibiting the greatest cheerfulness under dangerous conditions and trying times. "In the progress of a heavy enemy attack, a mistaken order was passed through the trenches ordering retirement." Sergeant Robinson got the men back, and with great coolness and bravery kept them in their places.

When Private H. A. Eldridge, 1st Battalion, Hampshire Regiment (attached 3rd Battalion), was in a trench which had been blown in by shelling, he dug up and used hand grenades so effectively as to cover the retirement of the garrison.

His trench was at the time being attacked from three sides, but he pluckily held on and succeeded in killing about twelve of the enemy.

POLICEMAN-OF-WAR.

Among those who have received the medal for conspicuous gallantry is Sergeant H. Vale, Military Mounted Police. The account of him says:

"He greatly assisted in the removal of prisoners of war under difficult conditions, in traffic control and in the collection of stragglers, and has shown unflinching in his efforts to prevent crime."

When a shell struck a farm room full of women and children, Gunners A. W. Holmes, Widmore and Rafferty, 12th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery, at once left their dug-outs and carried the inhabitants to safety.

Corporal A. W. Galvin, C Battery, 73rd Brigade Royal Field Artillery, was sent mounted to order up armvagns when unflinching in his efforts to prevent crime."

He had to ride over ground which, for a mile, was being heavily shelled with asphyxiating shells as well as shrapnel.

In going, his horse dropped dead, but he completed his journey on foot.

FATHER'S LAST FLIGHT.

Army Airman's Machine Turns Turtle and Crashes to Destruction.

A tragic aeroplane accident resulting in the death of the pilot's father occurred yesterday.

In the person of an Army airman named Muir, of the Royal Flying Corps, took his father as passenger in his machine. When he had risen a few hundred yards the aeroplane suddenly turned turtle and crashed down into a field, and was wrecked.

The airman was seriously injured and his father was killed.

The airman was taken to an infirmary and the body of the father was removed to the mortuary near by.

HUNS ANXIOUS ABOUT FOOD.

PARIS, March 12.—To-day's review of events contains the following:

Germany.—The *Morgen Post* states that a very lively debate occurred at a recent meeting of the Berlin Municipal Council in connection with the very great dearth of potatoes.

The *Cologne Gazette* publishes what appears to be a semi-official Note censuring those who hold back provisions of aggravating the crisis by not keeping the retail market supplied.

The Note adds that "advantage should not be taken of the war in order to make money, but people must help the Government to surmount the difficulties connected with the question of supplies, which grow more serious every day."—Reuter.

BELGIUM'S FOOTBALL VICTORY.

PARIS, March 12.—Ten thousand people to-day witnessed a football match between eleven representing France and Belgium. This was their annual game, by special permission of the French Government.

The French team included the famous full-back, Hanot, who succeeded a few weeks ago in escaping from Germany, and six players who had been discharged from military service. After a well-contested game the Belgians, whose forwards showed the better football, gained a splendid victory by 4 goals to 1.

The crowd cheered to the echo, and the men of the Belgian team were shouldered as they left the field.—Exchange.

REVIVAL IN LENTEN OBSERVANCE.

Churches Thronged on First Sunday of Long Fast.

MORE MEN AT SERVICES.

Is there a revival of Lent?

The services which were held in the churches of London yesterday would seem to indicate that there is.

It was a fine day—the first fine day, indeed, that London has known for a long time.

But the churches were thronged, in spite of it all. Many who are not habitual church-goers were to be found in a place of worship yesterday.

At St. Paul's there was an enormous congregation. The whole of the space under the vast dome was packed, while many hundreds of people sat in the nave.

It was not the usual Sunday afternoon congregation. It was not a mere motley collection of casual sightseers—though these naturally were not absent. Most of those present followed the service with interest and devotion, and joined heartily in the singing of the hymns and responses.

The anthem—Gounod's "Here by Babylon's Wave," with its stern message of doom, "Wee unto thee, Babylon, mighty city, for the day of thy fall is nigh"—seemed peculiarly appropriate to the present national crisis.

Scattered about the cathedral were several little groups of men in khaki.

CALL TO FACE TRUTH.

"The call of Lent is the call to face the truth," said the Bishop of Kensington in the first of his Lenten addresses. Are we devoting enough time to real thought about the connection between war and religion? he asked.

"Whereas the attendance of women certainly has been increased by the war, the increase in men churchgoers is marvellous. One of the sidesmen at a famous church informed *The Daily Mirror*. The church was filled with City men, armleted both in khaki and navy blue. Uniforms were in every seat, and *The Daily Mirror* representative noticed three generals.

NEVER-ENDING STREAM.

"Women prefer private devotion to church services in Lent," one of the Westminster Abbey attendants affirmed. "The tiny dim-lit chapel of St. Faith in the Abbey, where the shadowy Figure hangs over the plainest altar in England, is always filled with kneeling figures."

"Most of them are black clad, many in nurses' blue and grey. They are taking part in the increasing chain of private intercession which runs through the forty days of Lent."

"But even here the number of men, as compared to women, is nearly equal, while in pre-war days the chapel was looked upon as a woman's refuge only."

In and out of Brompton Oratory there is passing all day a never-ending stream of worshippers of all ages.

GENERAL'S SECRET.

PRESS BUREAU, March 12.—At the request of the Ministry of Munitions, Brigadier-General F. F. Minchin has undertaken a special mission overseas. Pending General Minchin's return



Brigadier-General F. F. Minchin.

Sir Sothern Holland will be lent from the Explosives Supply Department of the Ministry to take temporary charge of the administration of the Inspection Department.

SLINGSBY BABY JUDGMENT TO-DAY.

Judgment in the famous Slingsby baby appeal case will be delivered to-day by the Court of Appeal.

The appeal, that of Mr. T. W. and Mr. A. P. Slingsby against the decision of Mr. Justice Baggave Deane, occupied the Court during January and February, and only came to an end after seventeen days of arguments.

The issue is whether Teddie is heir to the Slingsby estates or a changeling.

Rea's "A Million Poles to Fight for Germany," by Captain Harrison, editor of the "English Review," on page 5.

GERMANS TRYING TO BATTER A WAY BETWEEN DOUAUMONT AND VAUX

Furious Shelling North-East of Verdun.

18 AIR BATTLES.

Foe Claims Holding 189 French Guns and 26,670 Prisoners.

HUN TRENCHES WRECKED.

23rd DAY OF VERDUN BATTLE.

The Germans are still endeavouring to hammer a way to Verdun between Douaumont and Vaux (four and a quarter miles north-east of Verdun). The French report furious shelling in that sector, but say that the Germans have attempted no further infantry attack. North of Eix the Germans succeeded in taking a small trench. In the Vosges, in the region of Senones, the French fire demolished the enemy's trenches.

"FRENCH COUNTER-ATTACKS."

According to the Germans, the French west of the Meuse made attacks, but were unable to take the "new German positions."

Berlin also claims that in the Verdun fighting 430 officers, 26,240 men, and 189 guns were captured. But the French the other day exposed the inflated claims of the Germans.

"ON WAY TO BAGDAD."

"We have occupied the town of Kirind in Persia on the way to Bagdad," says the Russian communiqué. Kirind is 180 miles east-north-east of Bagdad. A Russian torpedo boat was attacked and sunk by enemy submarines off Varna.

AUXILIARY CRUISER SUNK.

The Admiralty last night announced the loss of H.M. mercantile fleet auxiliary Fauvette, which struck a mine off the east coast and sank. Forty-seven petty officers and men were saved.

ENEMY TROOPS SHELLED WHILE MASSING.

Hostile Trenches Demolished—French Airman's Eighth Victim.

(FRENCH OFFICIAL.)

PARIS, March 12.—The official communiqué issued this evening says:—

To the south of the Somme we carried out destruction fire on the enemy works in front of Maucourt and between the Oise and the Aisne against the defensive organisations in the region of Nouvron.

In the Argonne concentrated fire directed against the Cheppy Wood demolished several enemy observation stations.

In the region to the north of Verdun no infantry action occurred during the day.

The bombardment was rather violent on both sides on the two banks of the Meuse.

Our heavy artillery shelled enemy troops assembling in the ravine to the north of the Poivre Hill and German batteries in the region west of Louvemont.

In the Ban de Sapt we wrecked the hostile trenches in the region of Senones.

This morning Sub-Lieutenant Guynemer brought down a German aeroplane, which fell in flames in our lines near Thiescourt.

This is the eighth aeroplane brought down by this pilot. Six of these fell in our lines and two in the German lines.

Another of our airmen also brought down an enemy aeroplane in our lines near Dombasle, in the Argonne.

The passengers of the two machines thus destroyed were killed.

The same day our squadrons of fighting aeroplanes fought eighteen actions in the air in the region of Etain, putting their adversaries to flight.—Reuter.

FOE SPRING FOUR MINES.

(BRITISH OFFICIAL.)

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, March 12, 9.40 p.m.—The enemy sprang four mines near the Hohenzollern Redoubt, and grenade fighting ensued.

Very few casualties and very little damage to our trenches.

Our trenches about Loos and Bois Grenier were shelled.

Heavy artillery bombardment by both sides about Ypres.

ENEMY SEAPLANE CHASED OFF KENT.

A German seaplane, says the Exchange Telegraph Company, was sighted off the North Foreland at about midday yesterday. British aeroplanes went up in pursuit.

The German machine, which was making for the land, went away seaward again.

CEASELESS SHELLING IN FORT VAUX REGION.

Germans Take a Small Trench Near the Etain Road.

(FRENCH OFFICIAL.)

PARIS, March 12.—The following official communiqué was issued this afternoon:—

North of the Aisne the artillery duel has been very active in the region of the Bois des Buttes, south of the Ville-au-Bois.

On the left bank of the Meuse there was a bombardment of considerable violence in the region of Bethincourt.

On the right bank a small German bombing attack near the Bois Carre—on the Poivre Hill—was easily repelled.

The bombardment continues violent east of Douaumont Fort, and in the region of the fort of Vaux, where the enemy, since the day before yesterday has made no fresh attempt to reach the plateau commanded by the fort.

In the Woevre yesterday evening, after artillery preparation, the Germans took from us in the course of an attack a small trench near the Etain road, north of Eix.

In Lorraine there were some skirmishes between patrols to the east of Arracourt. There is nothing of importance to report on the rest of the front.—Reuter.

"189 CANNON AND 26,670 PRISONERS TAKEN."

Berlin's Claims of Spoils in Fighting for Verdun.

(GERMAN OFFICIAL.)

AMSTERDAM, March 12.—The official communiqué issued in Berlin to-day is as follows:—

Western Theatre of War.—North-east of Neuville we successfully exploded some mines and occupied the craters.

In the sector west of the Meuse the enemy undertook completely unsuccessful attacks against our new positions on the heights.

East of the river, in the Woevre Plain, fighting activity has been restricted more or less to violent artillery fighting.

The number of prisoners and amount of booty reported in our communiqué of February 29 and March 4 for the period since the beginning of events in the Meuse district have meanwhile increased to 430 officers, 26,240 men and unrounded prisoners, 139 guns, among them forty-one heavy calibre, and 232 machine-guns.

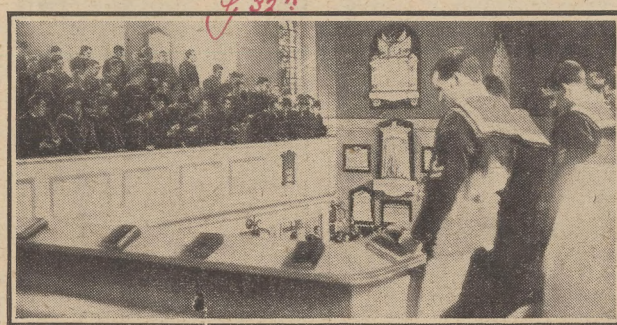
Near Obersept, in spite of repeated attacks yesterday, the French did not succeed in regaining their former position. They were bloodily repulsed.—Reuter.

ALLIES' WAR COUNCIL.

PARIS, March 11.—A Council of War of the Allies will meet to-morrow at the General Headquarters, under the presidency of General Joffre.

The Entente Powers will be represented as follows:—

General Sir Douglas Haig (Great Britain), General Porro (Italy), General Glinzsky (Russia), the Chief of the Headquarters Staff (Belgium), Colonel Pachitch (Serbia).—Reuter.



Bluejackets at a service in a dockyard town. The men, who are singing the hymn, "For Those in Peril on the Sea," are surrounded by monuments of fallen naval heroes.

AUXILIARY CRUISER SUNK BY MINE.

Lost Off the East Coast—2 Officers and 12 Men Casualties.

The Secretary of the Admiralty made the following announcement last night:—

H.M. mercantile fleet auxiliary Fauvette (Lieutenant-Commander Henry J. T. Wilson, R.N.R.), has struck a mine off the East Coast and sunk. The casualties were as follows: Two officers, twelve men.

A later official statement announced that forty-seven petty officers and men were saved.

BIG FORCE OF MINE LAYERS.

COPENHAGEN, March 12.—The Politiken states that fishermen arriving in harbours on the west coast of Jutland report having seen a large number of German torpedo-boats, armed with mines and mine layers in the North Sea.

It is supposed that the German vessels are spreading mines.—Exchange.

VARNA SHELLED BY THE RUSSIAN FLEET.

Bulgarians Shot for Shouting "Down with the Germans."

PARIS, March 12.—A message from Zurich to the Petit Parisien says that Austrian papers received news from Bukarest that a Russian squadron yesterday at seven o'clock was observed making for Varna.—Exchange.

Rome, March 12.—The Bukarest correspondent of the Messaggero telegraphs that yesterday evening news arrived that the Russian Fleet had furiously bombarded Varna.—Central News.

PARIS, March 12.—The correspondent of the Petit Journal at Salonika telegraphs to his paper stating that, according to reliable information received from Sofia, peasants and women made a violent demonstration on Monday last against the King and M. Radoslawoff.

Cries of "Down with the Germans!" and "We want peace!" were uttered.

There was an intervention of armed force, five persons were killed and about 100 were injured.—Wireless Press.

RUSSIAN TORPEDO-BOAT SUNK BY SUBMARINES.

(RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.)

PETROGRAD, March 12.—To-day's official communiqué says:—

In Galicia, on the Dniester, our scouts attacked the village of Latatche and, despite a violent fire from the enemy, invaded his trenches.

In the Black Sea on Thursday two of our torpedo-boats reconnoitring the coast near Varna were attacked by enemy submarines.

The torpedo-boat, Lieutenant Pustelnik, was blown up. Part of the crew were rescued.

Caucasian Front.—We have occupied the town of Kirind, in Persia, on the way to Bagdad.—Reuter.

Kirind is about 130 miles east-north-east of Bagdad.

GERMANS TO STRIKE OUT BY SEA?

Effect of France's Successful Resistance at Verdun.

HUNS DRUGGED TO FIGHT.

The following graphic dispatch on the fighting for Verdun has been written by Lord Northcliffe:—

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, March 11.—Verdun occupies an unduly large position in the public eye. Very active fighting, of which I have been a witness, has been taking place in other parts of the French lines during this week.

I have not seen the fighting of the present week, but owing to my recent visit to the battlefield I am able to understand what is going on rather better than those who have to study the matter from maps and newspaper descriptions.

Verdun is a great deal more interesting than important. It does not need a personal visit to the battlefield to realize this.

If the Germans really think that the attack on the unarmed and dismantled forts of Verdun opens the road to Paris they have a very faint notion of French preparations, and French power of resistance.

DREGS OF HUMANITY.

Last week I saw German prisoners who had escaped the hellish fire of the French 75's at Verdun. Where had gone those splendid stalwarts captured at the battle of the Marne?

Much of the rank and file now left to the Germans is underaged, badly dressed, with faces that bear a look of fright that seems as if it would last a lifetime. Their appearance is such as to move a heart of stone.

It is difficult to believe that these dregs of humanity are labelled conscripts. I wonder how they would fare in a hand-to-hand encounter with any 10,000 young men in the British Army need not be speculated upon.

Thursday was a black day for Germany, when, drugged with ether, the men came on in mass formation to be mown down by the French 75's and machine guns as usual.

As it is, the ether with which they were drugged before facing the French and the gas guns, 2,000 in number, under whose cover they advanced, alone enabled them to survive the terror under the influence of which some of them were almost unable to speak.

DER TAG!

With tag two exceptions among those with whom I spoke all were utterly weary of warfare, and begged to be told when peace could be expected.

The fact about the whole war is that Germany is in the position of a besieged city, and she is striking out blindly by land at Verdun.

She will presently, I am convinced, strike out by sea.

I spent two hours one day this week in a hidden observation post that was pushed right up to the German trenches, where, indeed, there was nothing but the barbed wire of both parties in between, and where, had a man shown himself, his physiognomy could almost have been recognised.

The Germans had tried a little annoyance early in the morning, and instructions had evidently been given that the French should reply, as they usually do, with double or triple payment.

ITALIANS' NEW ATTACK.

(ITALIAN OFFICIAL.)

ROME, March 12.—To-day's official communiqué says:—

The fire of our artillery along all the front from the Middle Isanzo to the sea has been intense and effective.

Some parts of the enemy's lines were damaged and the defenders were dislodged and defeated.

While firing was suspended our infantry, plunging through deep snow drifts or on muddy slopes, attacked the enemy's positions, bombarding them with hand grenades.

Enemy detachments hurrying to support were caught by the well-adjusted fire of our artillery and a hail of fire from our machine guns.—Reuter.

(AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL.)

AMSTERDAM, March 12.—The official communiqué published in Vienna to-day says:—

Italian Theatre of War.—Yesterday morning enemy artillery began vigorously to bombard our positions at the bridgehead of Gorizia, the southern portion of the town of Gorizia, and the high plateau of Doberdo.

The bombardment continued all night.—Reuter.

ARMS FOR RUMANIA.

ROME, March 12.—A telegram from Bukarest to-day says an agreement has been signed between Rumania and Russia whereby the latter undertakes to allow the passage of war materials to Rumania. The same authority is also given to Rumania to buy Russian horses.

In Rumanian political circles the agreement is regarded as a proof of Rumania's definite adhesion to the cause of the Allies. It is stated that Russia has agreed to give Rumania a part of Bessarabia.—Exchange.

BATTLEFIELD RELICS SENT FROM EAST AND WEST.



Photograph in a green leather case. It was found in Flanders.



"George, aged three months."



Picked up at Suvla Bay. It is signed Gladys.



Found in village on Bulgarian frontier.



Found at Gallipoli in letter-case with another photograph.

These photographs are at *The Daily Mirror* Offices awaiting claimants. That of the two children is on a postcard.

A SMART "HELMET."



This pretty model by Paquin gives the effect of a soldier's helmet. It could be carried out effectively in either black or nigger-brown.

THEY ARE ALL IN THE WEDDING GROUP.



Major J. F. Villar (Gloucester Regiment) on right of his bride (Miss Irene Vinter) and brother officers who formed the guard of honour. They included the C.O.

PENSIONER PLOUGHS.



Simon Altridge, an old-age pensioner, who has several sons in the Army, ploughing near Dunmow.

PRACTICAL DRESS.



Lady Isabel Margesson (in the foreground) shovelling the snow at her residence in Worcestershire.

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THE NEED FOR HOLIDAYS.

WE do not like talking vaguely about "the end of the war"—it is by no means yet the time for that: yet it is impossible not to talk about it, since we have to think of it, in order to get plans ready for the "horrors of peace," when or if they break out. Here again, the fatal lawyer-like policy would be to wait and see what the difficulties will be until they come, and then to deal with them by hasty improvisations in a panic. But plenty of people are, one hears, thinking out a post-war policy for the Allies. And these prudent men warn us that peace will be the signal everywhere for a redoubling of effort.

The other war, war of industrialism, will be renewed. Everybody will have to work at double or treble intensity. In fact, then will be the time to "get to work," in the full sense. The war itself, as we look back upon it, will seem to have been an interlude.

All this must have a cheerful sound for munition workers, war toilers, the now over-worked everywhere; not to speak of the war-worn men in honourable tattered khaki returned from the four ends of the world! We cannot help thinking these will deserve their holiday. We feel they will demand it. A great reaction, even a great lassitude, may descend upon the world. The significance and beauty of going slowly and doing things quietly may become apparent. "Our great duty of happiness," as Stevenson called it—that gift for enjoyment of simple things, like light and air and plants and trees—there will be an impulse towards healing and help from all that! The ghastly nonsense of "ideals" of world-power and death—world-power to be won by world-suicide—will sink into oblivion, dreams, nightmares of a time of human hysteria and troubled fears, to be buried deep as the many victims of this mania are buried in the red fields of Europe.

Will sink, will be?

Well, caution compels us to say, *may* and *perhaps*. It may be so. Such lassitude—or such tranquillity—came upon poor France, at least, once before, when Napoleon left her for his relegation to an island. And yet the task of providing a rest, a holiday, even only a prolonged week-end, for all those wounded or weary men will be a big one, beyond our lawyers. The warriors will have to take it in turns! But a holiday they must have. Can we welcome them back from the front or the factory with an invitation to work harder than ever without change?

For the rest of us, a holiday in the liberal sense will not be needed. Peace will be our holiday. Theophile Gautier used to say that, whenever he felt depressed in Paris, he could always console himself by saying: "At least I am not in the Escorial in Spain"—a place he found inexplicably gloomy; and we can think of towns and places it is refreshing not to be in. Just so, after the war, our human holiday will be simply this reflection—"War is over, we have peace." That ought to suffice for the quieting of all complaints. That in itself will be rest, joy, and change. W. M.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

We have only to be patient, to pray, and do His will, according to our present light and strength, and the growth of the soul will go on. The plant grows in the mist and under clouds as truly as under sunshine.—Channing.

A MILLION POLES TO FIGHT FOR GERMANY?

POSSIBILITIES OF SITUATION IN A STARVING LAND.

By AUSTIN HARRISON

(Editor of the "English Review").

THERE are two questions concerning Poland to-day, one of which is, to say the least of it, of vital importance to the Allies, and the first of these questions is the Polish famine; the second is the German-Austrian plan to raise a new million army of Poles.

The economic condition of Poland is terrible. It is worse than Belgium. German frightfulness is explicit, and its attitude is that only a modicum of food can be spared, so that unless we (the English) allow the Poles to be fed—well, starvation must pursue its normal course.

As usual, there is method in this Hunnish madness. Germany wants soldiers, the Poles want food. "Good," the Germans say. "Let us make a

rebellious and desirous above all things of their independence. Again, Poland is completely fenced in from alien influence, so that the Poles only hear what their masters want them to hear. Liberty is an insidious word, and we know that the new Polish University (granted by Germany) is frequented to-day by some thousands of Polish students. Lastly, we have the staggering reason of actual starvation.

THE BULGARIAN PRECEDENT.

To count on sympathy to-day is folly. We did that over Bulgaria—Bulgaria, we heard, would never fight the Russians. At this hour only the cruelty of force counts with the small peoples, nor am I revealing any State secret when I affirm that already quite a number of the Polish leaders are giving the matter their considered attention.

M. Sazonov, in the Duma, at the end of February, referred to the question, but restricted his remarks to the pious expression of hope that the Poles would never bear arms against the Russians. Most dearly I trust the Russians will not leave the subject there. It is not enough. Against them are working the ravages of hunger,

NO NEW FROCKS!—AND YET?



AND YET ON ENTERING A LONDON RESTAURANT AT DINNER TIME ANY EVENING IN THE WEEK THIS SIGHT MEETS OUR EYES! PUZZLE!—WHERE DO THESE GOWNS COME FROM?—OR IS IT MERELY OUR MALE STUPIDITY THAT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THEM AS "HIGH RESTAURANT" ONES?



All nice women are saving—so they say. And yet all of them seem to be as well dressed as ever—or even better.—(By Mr. W. K. Haeisen.)

bargain. We will grant you full autonomy on one condition—namely, that you help us to win it by joining the armies of Pan-Germanism." Now the Poles are a tremendously national-spirited people. For years they have longed for independence; they are hungry; the bait is alluring; already the German organisation has prepared the ground.

The Germans have taken a census of their two-third portion of Poland, the Austrians have taken a census of their third, and both have secretly taken a census of each other's portion. Reports vary, but the potential number of available men is estimated at about one million. At the end of February they celebrated a "Polish National Congress" at Warsaw, where a resolution was passed advocating a "military alliance" with the Germans, and this most insidious ruse whereby to raise a new army for Germany has received the warm sympathy of the German-Swiss Press.

In judging the Poles we must remember four things.

Like all victimised peoples, they are naturally

the German and Austrian organisations, the playful offers of liberty held out to the imaginative Polish mind by the careful German journalistic propaganda now assiduously at work throughout Russian Poland.

And it is here that the problem of feeding the Poles becomes actual to us. Shall we consent to it? If not, are we not deliberately playing into Germany's hands? For obviously no nation will starve to the death. When it comes to the famine point, the Poles cannot be blamed if they prefer life—even as helots in German munition factories or as soldiers fighting for a spurious liberty. Here, I say positively, the fatal thing is to do nothing.

We must tackle this problem now. It is not for us to counsel our great Ally, Russia, but this must be said. If Russia does not anticipate the Huns and proclaim Poland an independent State, and guarantee such independence, the Germans will; and that will mean an addition of strength to the German Army of quite 800,000 men, and possibly a million.

Wait and see will settle the Polish question

WASTE AND WAR.

WHICH CLASS IS THE MOST EXTRAVAGANT JUST NOW?

THE OLD CONTRAST.

THE "poor" spend ridiculously, extravagantly and nearly always on wasteful useless things. But "W. M." perhaps, forgets that they must not be judged as the rich must be. The rich or well-to-do classes have had a longer and more careful education, and they are more to be blamed if they fail to make use of it as they should. A. C.

Crown-terrace, Scarborough.

WASTEFUL SERVANTS.

I WONDER if "A. D." has ever appealed to her servants in a reasonable manner?

If ladies would be willing to do without the many little attentions which make a large staff necessary, there is no reason why a small staff should not manage perfectly.

Don't make unnecessary work. There always will be bad servants as well as good, but the average girl comes from a poor home and knows the value of everything. I. E.

SERVANTS will not save because it is not their money they are saving.

What does it matter to them if the family upstairs has to reduce? They don't see why that should disturb them! A good servant can always get a place, and if a servant is asked to save she generally leaves at once. M. M.

Wanstead, Essex.

"A. D." explains that servants don't like giving up "evenings out." I suppose the "domestic servant" is never to go out, but always to give up every minute of her time to the "family," who consider her no more than a machine?

Perhaps your correspondent fails to realise that the "evening out" is the only pleasure the domestic servant has to look forward to. M. E. D.

WOMEN AND SMOKING.

IN his Guildhall speech Lord Kitchener mentioned tobacco as one of the things of which people at home would need to be sparing in the use, if the Army were to be efficiently supplied.

Surely we women can endure to give up this piece of self-indulgence when we think of all our dear men are enduring. JANE R. MACNAB, 10, Cromwell-crescent, S.W.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 12.—Belonging to the tropic-plum (nasturtium) family there are three extremely interesting perennial kinds. Polypodium, with tuberos roots, sends up snake-like stems laden with deep yellow flowers and is pretty in the rock garden or on sunny banks. Tuberosum (from Peru) is a climber (4ft.) bearing a profusion of scarlet and yellow blossoms.

Speciosum (the flame nasturtium) is a splendid creeper with variegated flowers. It can now be planted on the shady side of a hedge or wall in soil that contains peat and leaf-mould. E. F. T.

favourably to German arms, as it settled the Turks and the Bulgarians. Here, wise co-ordination should prevail, for here, if we are not very rapid and decisive, we shall once more find million men to fight us.

THE IDEAL.

She stood in a garden of roses
With rose-leaves twined in her hair,
And drift of the blossoms that perish
Guided my eager feet there.

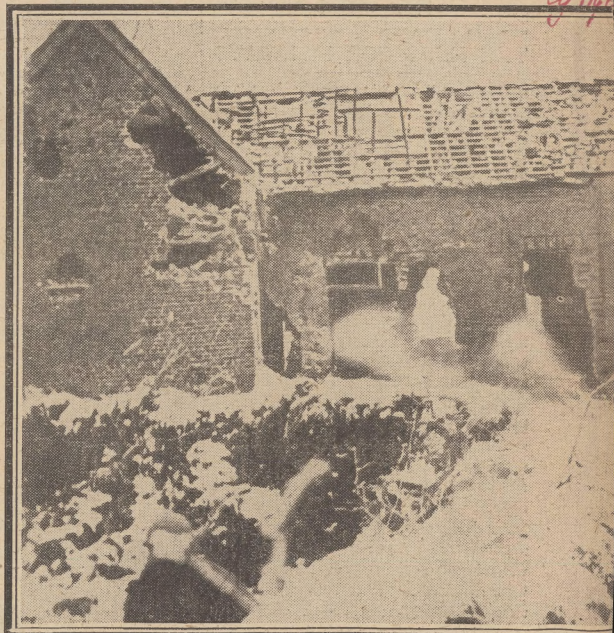
Her robe floated pale in the twilight—
Gossamer ghost of a dream!
And winds that caressed and remembered
Brought me where Will o' Wisp goes.
A moment my heart might embrace her,
Then, like the dim rainbow gold,
She faded with rose and with blossom
And all of the songs of old. —MABEL LEITCH.

PORTUGAL'S WONDERFUL CAVALRY.



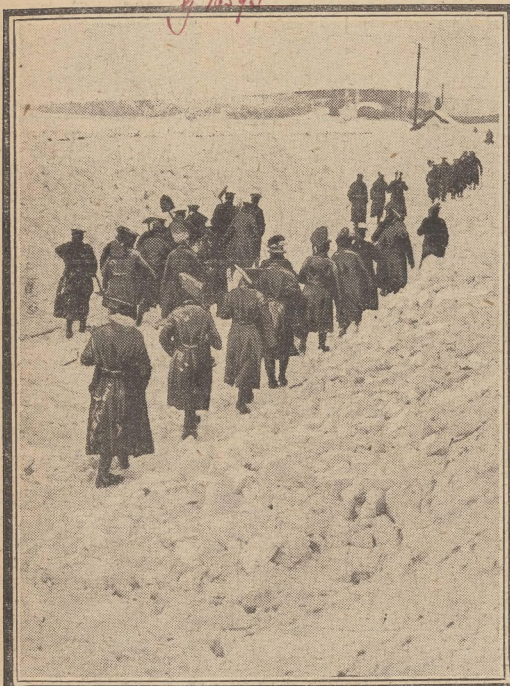
Portugal, our oldest Ally, is now at war with Germany. Here some cavalrymen, who are famed for their horsemanship, are seen at exercise.

THE GREAT FIGHT FOR VERDUN:



Photograph taken in the village of Douaumont during the great German

TO DIG OUT SNOWED-UP TRAINS.



Royal Engineers are helping to clear the railway lines in the Peak of Derbyshire. In one place in the district a train has been abandoned for a week.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

TWO WAR HEROES



Jack Maylan, who has been twice recommended for the D.C.M., in addition to winning the Croix de Guerre for saving wounded Frenchmen. He is still in his teens.



Lance-Corporal H. W. Moore, a Weston - super-Mare Territorial, awarded the D.C.M. He entered a German shelter and drove the enemy out with bombs.



Germans, with their colours, marching to the trenches.

MILITARY WEDDING AT THE CHAPEL ROYAL.



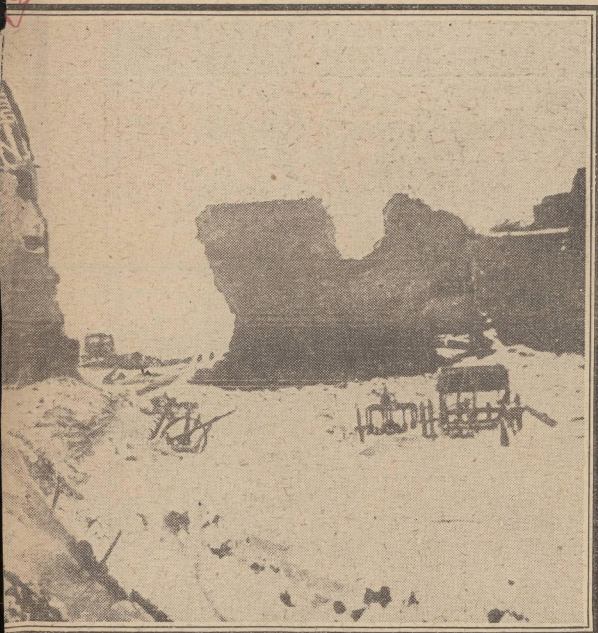
Lieutenant C. Wake-Potter, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, and Miss Marjorie Constance Helena Day were married at the Chapel Royal, Savoy, on Saturday. The photographs show the bride and bridegroom and the bridesmaids.



Like a honeycomb. Spent shells collected.

The struggle for Verdun, which has now lasted three weeks, dwarfs all the historic battles of former ages, but the French have opposed a dogged resistance to the heaviest assaults that the enemy can deliver. In the earlier days of this terrific

GERMANS MARCHING TO BATTLE



attack. The name figured largely at the beginning of the fighting.



Many of them were made prisoners during the fighting.



ed for adjustment and recharging.

conflict Douaumont figured prominently, and it was into the fort of that name that the famous Brandenburgs penetrated. To the west of Douaumont, says a late report, the ground is covered with German corpses.

THE GERMANS TAKE BELGIAN DOGS.



German marines with machine guns drawn by dogs. The animals, it is presumed, have been taken from the Belgians.

MISSING MEN.

P 18731.



Rifleman Harold Watson, who was reported missing at the Dardanelles last August. Send information to 85, Ansdell - road, Peckham, S.E.

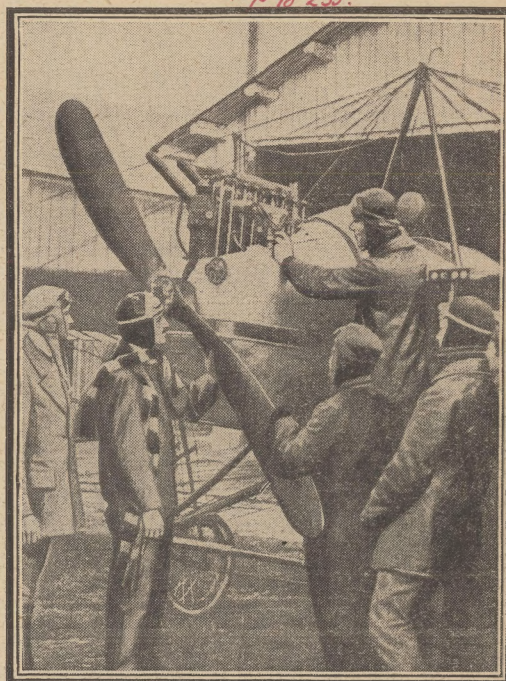
P 18733.



Private J. Pinks, of the Royal West Kent Regiment, reported wounded and missing on October 27, 1914. His friends would be very grateful for any news of him.

IMMELMAN WORSHIP AT THE FRONT.

P 18233.



Flight-Lieutenant Immelman, the German airman of whom so much has been heard, overhauling his machine before a group of admiring pupils. He has been reported killed several times.

TAXICAB AS COAL CART: A LONDON PROBLEM.

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Not only is coal dear, but it is very difficult to get anyone to deliver it. Some people take it home on taxicabs, but the poor have to send their children to the depots with buckets and baskets, in which they carry home small quantities.

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THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP



Mr. Ronald McNeill, M.P.

A Busy Giant.

One of the busiest men at Westminster these days is Mr. Ronald McNeill, the hon. secretary of the Unionist Committee which has been formed to "ginger up" the Government in the prosecution of the war. It is seldom that question time passes without some pertinent poser from the member for St. Augustine's, and on almost every topic he has something cogent and potent to say. Mr. McNeill, you remember, is the Ulster giant who on a famous occasion sidled along the Table of the House and hurled a book at Colonel Churchill.

Back in the Trenches.

By the time you read these lines Colonel Winston Churchill will be back in the trenches. I hear he left London yesterday morning, motoring to the South-East Coast instead of travelling by train.

Colonel Churchill's Future.

I heard a good deal of speculation last night concerning the contents of the letter Colonel Churchill addressed to Sir Frederick Cawley, the chairman of the Liberal "Ginger" Group. These politicians are, of course, very anxious to get him back into the parliamentary "trenches." Colonel Churchill would like to oblige, but his reappearance last week in other quarters was not as encouraging as he had ventured to hope.

Sees the Prime Minister.

Colonel Churchill's interview with the Prime Minister on Saturday was, I am told, quite cordial. But, watching Mr. Asquith as I did very closely during the ex-First Lord's criticisms on Tuesday, I must say that he looked anything but pleased with Colonel Churchill's speech.

The Mystic Number Again.

The sixth of June next has been given to me as either the date for the ending of the war or, at any rate, the time of a most important event. It is 6-6-6, our old friend the mystic number.

Faith.

It was General Townshend who, not so very long ago, reminded me of the story of the small boy who when asked to define the word "faith" said it was something we were taught to believe, but which we knew to be untrue. But everyone has put his faith in General Townshend.

A Sparkling Play.

I looked into the Kingsway on Saturday afternoon to see that wonderful wordless play, "L'Enfant Prodigue." Like our own "Peter Pan," "L'Enfant" appears to possess the secret of perpetual youth. The whole play is—well, so French, you know! Which is to say that it is a sparkling triumph. And I must confess that some of M. Wormser's delicate melodies have been haunting my memory ever since.

The Khaki Orchestra.

I noticed that about half the members of the orchestra wore khaki—an unusual spectacle in a London theatre. There ought to be no lack of music in the trenches before long.

No Coal.

I am told that quite a lot of unfortunate suburbanites are shivering in the cold just now. They can't get coal. It isn't that there isn't any coal to be got, but there's nobody to bring it to your doors. A man in Clapham told me yesterday that the street in which he lived hasn't been visited by a coal wagon for a week.

Modern Aspirations.

A small girl asked by a visitor what she would be when she grew up startled her listeners by saying: "I shall be a police-woman!"

A Novel Bedstead.

A friend went to purchase a bedstead the other day. To her surprise she was advised by the shopkeeper to wait until the war was over as prices are extremely high. "Place a spring mattress on four Windsor chairs," he suggested. The result, she tells me, is exceedingly satisfactory.

Spring in the Air.

For the first time for months there was a spring-like softness in the air in the Park yesterday. It brought out the biggest crowd that has been seen in the Park for weeks. It was khaki, khaki all the way, and it was interesting to see how our Dominion troops have caught the church parade habit. The Row was heavy going.

Return of the Spat.

The sunshine of yesterday brought out the spats—the summer spats. There were innumerable white ones, and even some of those which are called "Huff-you's"—the black and white check. Needless to say, these sartorial adornments were only worn by those over military age.

Scarlet Spats.

But the most remarkable pair of all were worn by a girl. They were brilliant scarlet spats. The result was startling, and you may guess that they attracted considerable notice.

"Kultur at Home."

I am inclined to think that if the average conscientious objector could be taken to "Kultur at Home," the new play by Mr. Rudolf Besier and Mrs. John Spotiswoode, which was put on at the Court Theatre on Saturday night, his conscientious objections would vanish. A more terrible indictment of Prussianism—the evil thing that we are out to fight and to slay—has never been penned.

An Actress's Great Triumph.

The play was a great triumph for Miss Rosalie Toller. Her interpretation of the young English girl so fatally misnamed with the arrogant and domineering Prussian officer



Miss Rosalie Toller.

was a piece of pure genius. The other members of the cast did admirably. Was it an omen, by the way, that the portrait of the Kaiser fell to the ground during the performance?

A Bishop's £7 a Year.

It will be interesting to watch what will happen when the anticipated all-round reduction of salaries takes place. Will the Bishop of Ripon lose his £7 a year for acting as Clerk of the Closet, for instance? Or will the Usher of the Order of the Thistle (the Earl of Mansfield) get a 50 per cent. reduction of his salary of £97 paid in war scrip?

Keeper of Holyrood Palace.

Then the Bishop of Oxford gets £101 6s. as Chancellor of the Order of the Garter, and the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon receives £45 10s. as Hereditary Keeper of Holyrood Palace. Of course, these are only types of long-standing payments which have been in existence for many, many years.

Bachelor Women as Hostesses.

At the Carlton one day lately I noticed several bachelor women (they wore no ring on the magic finger) entertaining separate parties, and noted how well they did it. Each took the head of the table as independently as if in her own house, and handled the menu and inspected the wine list as learnedly as any man. When it came to smoking time the hostess's knowledge of "brands" was equally intelligent.

A Sign of To-day.

I happened to be hunting through a well-known book-lovers' resort in Marylebone a few days ago, and came across a number of shelves given up entirely to works on the occult—astrology, psychical research, spiritualism and witchcraft. "The interest in all these is growing remarkably," I was informed. "Women in particular seem drawn to these supernatural subjects more and more every day."

Royal Inspections.

There is good news for the troops. I hear that King George is about to begin again his military inspections. The men always thoroughly enjoyed seeing their Sovereign, and the news will be interesting to them.

A Great Sight.

It will be a great day when the King and Queen entertain 2,000 soldiers in the Riding School at Buckingham Palace. The school is a huge building excellently adapted for entertainments on a large scale. Once, I remember, I was allowed to take a look at a ball which was being given to royal servants, and a great sight it was. It is almost certain that the King and Queen will visit the wounded soldiers during the afternoon.

A Baby's Nationality.

A new arrival has just been welcomed to the Russian Embassy in the small person of a son born to the Hon. Mrs. Jasper Ridley. The marriage of the Russian Ambassador's daughter, Countess Natalie Benckendorff, to the Hon. Jasper Ridley was one of the great social events of 1911. I wonder, by the way, if the little newcomer is technically of English or Russian nationality. Diplomatically, I suppose, Chesham House, where he was born, is Russian territory!

Bow Wows Go Driving on Their Own.

A curious sight was to be noted in the Park the other afternoon, when three little dogs were to be seen being driven along in an old-fashioned Victoria with a pair of grey horses. They sat bolt upright, without any guardian, as if they had been used to style all their lives. I hear they belong to an invalid lady, who is now unable to accompany them in their outings.

The Fly in the Ointment.

A well-known picture actress had to play billiards in a film play. Not knowing the game, she practised, and found it so fascinating that she bought a table for her home. Now she must find a new home with a room large enough for the table.

City Life at Seventy.

I hear that, after fifty years' work in positions ranging from canvasser to chairman of directors, Mr. Alderman Roll has asked to be relieved of his executive duties on the board of the Pearl Life Office, one of the largest penny-a-week insurance companies. Mr. Roll was Sheriff of the City at the time King Edward died, and his year of office was naturally subdued. In the ordinary course, Mr. Roll will be Lord Mayor in the early 'twenties.



Alderman Roll.

A Once-Forbidden Play.

Mme. Rejane is yet another actress whose features have been secured by the cinema world. This week she will be presented at the West End Cinema in "Alsace." This powerful play is the one which was forbidden in England before the war lest the Germans should take offence. The play deals with the bitterness felt by the French towards Germany in the "lost provinces."

Ridiculous Germans.

The Germans in "Alsace" are made as ridiculous as some of them really are. They are almost as funny as the Haselden cartoons of Big and Little Willie.

Wounded Heroes' Gratitude.

Rifleman V. Rush (Rifle Brigade) writes me to say that he was the producer and stage manager, and not the author, of the two plays, "The Deserter" and "The Artist's Substitute," presented at Thornton Heath by eight wounded soldiers from Ecclesbourne Road War Hospital for the benefit of the local Red Cross funds out of gratitude for the many kindnesses they have received. The men were able to hand over a sum of more than £7 to the fund.

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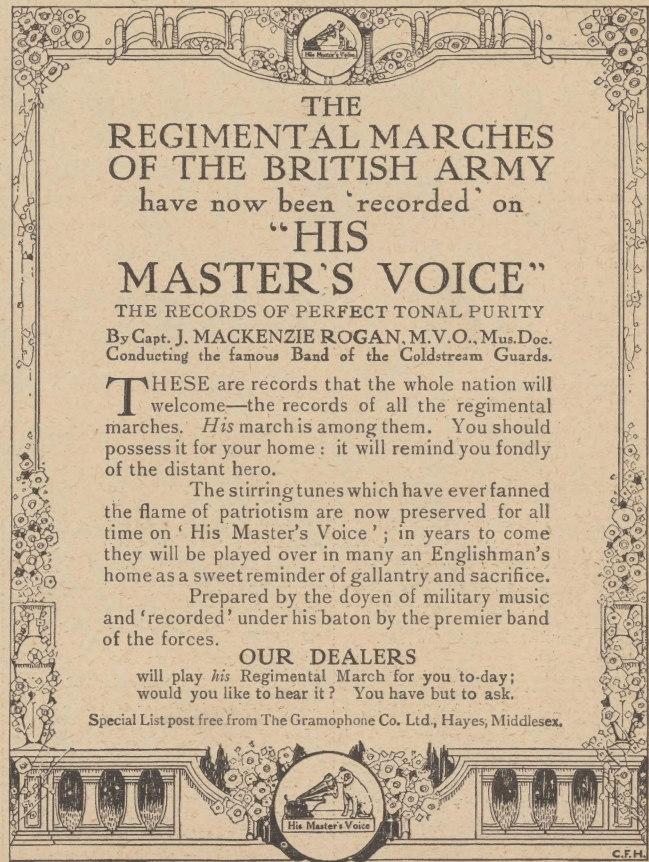
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NEWS ITEMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WAR'S FOUR CROSSES.

TO-DAY'S BOXING CONTESTS.

In which Fairner receives 1,000 start, were:-Falkner, 8,327; Newman, 7,918.

Billy Fry, of South Wales, was too good for Lance-Corporal Dido Gains at the Ring on Saturday night. The Welshman won easily on points in twenty rounds.

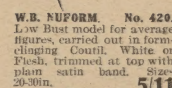
At Raynes Park on Saturday the 3rd Irish Guards gained another easy victory in the team race promoted by the Ashcombe Athletic Club. Private P. Hodge (A.S.C. M.T.) was first man home.

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Witches—old style.



Witches—new style.

Sir J. M. Barrie's joke is on the Coliseum bill this week. It is called "The Real Thing at Last," and is an Americanised version of "Macbeth," in which the classic manner of representation is contrasted, to its disadvantage, with the realistic methods of the

"movies." Mr. Nelson Keys is the fair Lady Macbeth, or the second murderer. "The amount of blood we use!" he jaments, as he gazes at the pail in his hand.—(Photographs by the British Actors' Film Company, Ltd.)

A 'VARSITY RUGBY MATCH AT CAMBRIDGE.



All inter-Varsity sport has been at a standstill since the war broke out. On Saturday, however, there was a Rugby match between Oxford and Cambridge. Our photograph shows Cambridge getting away from a scrum.

WOMEN IN THE ARMY SERVICE CORPS.



At Shepperton women are assisting the Army Service Corps in trussing up hay for the troops. They work under the direction of Staff-Sergeant Hannan, and are shown covering up the result of a day's work.